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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOPN, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE; LATE DEVELOPMENTS

NO. 10

YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF SEVERAL HOT TOPICS:

1. US-CUBA TALKS: ON FRIDAY EVENING LAST WE ANNOUNCED SECOND SESSION OF NEW YORK TALKS, CHARACTERIZING THEM AS "SATISFACTORY". ON MONDAY EVENING WE OFFERED BRIEF READ-OUT ON THIRD SESSION, SAYING SIMPLY THAT IT TOOK PLACE, MADE FURTHER PROGRESS AND THAT ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WOULD TAKE PLACE. MEDIA SEEMS TO HAVE ACCEPTED (RELUCTANTLY) THAT THERE WILL BE NO SUBSTANCE FORTHCOMING WHILE NEW YORK CHATS ARE GOING ON, BUT THEY EXPECT SOME SORT OF REPORT AT CONCLUSION. AT TODAY'S (TUESDAY) BRIEFING I ATTEMPTED  
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TO HOLD LINE THAT CURRENT TALKS CONCERNED FISHERIES AND MARITIME BOUNDARIES, REFUSING TO IMPLY THAT OTHER TOPICS WERE ON AGENDA. MEDIA FIND THIS HARD TO BELIEVE AND WHAT-EVER READOUT COMES AT CONCLUSION OF THIS ROUND, THERE WILL BE SPECULATION THAT MUCH MORE TOOK PLACE. WE WILL MAKE PRO FORMA ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOURTH SESSION FOLLOWING ITS CONCLUSION TONIGHT.

2. ZAIRE: WE HAVE CONFIRMED EVACUATION OF INGA-SHABA  
AMCITS TUESDAY AFTERNOON. I HAVE CONTINUED TO MUDDLE  
THROUGH ON MESSY SHABA SITUATION, BUT CAN EXPECT  
QUESTIONING WEDNESDAY ON SITUATION WHICH IS HARD TO CHARAC-  
TERIZE AS OTHER THAN "DETERIORATING".

3. SOVIET NUCLEAR EXPLOSION: WE HAVE INITIAL REPORTS OF  
SEMIPLATINSK NUCLEAR BLAST. WHITE HOUSE (SCHECTER) HOPES  
TO HAVE ROUTINE ANNOUNCEMENT COME FROM ERDA TO WHICH THEY  
AND WE COULD REFER AT WEDNESDAY BRIEFINGS, AND HOPEFULLY  
HOLD TO THAT WITHOUT AMPLIFICATION. IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL  
GUIDANCE, PLEASE SEND SOONEST IN TIME FOR OUR ENCOUNTER.

4. ARMS SALES: WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING TUESDAY, AND MINE  
MONDAY, SPENT MUCH TIME ON PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON ARMS  
SALES. QUESTIONING SPURRED BY OBERDORFER STORY (SEPTEL),  
FOLLOWED BY WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION ON SALES  
VALUED AT TWO BILLION DOLLARS. THERE IS STILL A LOT OF  
MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND WE ARE  
CONSIDERING A SHORT APPEARANCE BY PM (WINSHIP) AT WEDNESDAY  
BRIEFING TO CLARIFY WHERE WE ARE ON PENDING SALES AND  
UNDERSCORE CAREFUL REVIEW THEME.

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